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Security # 10

SECURITY EVALUATION

Agent's Name : Dr. Wilhelm Classen

Project ; QMSKITCH

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCESMETHODSEXEMPTION 3B2B
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1. The field investigation conducted on Classen revealed that an OSO dossier was maintained on him. This dossier contained a CSDIC preliminary, dated 22 June 1946, and final interrogation report, dated 27 July 1946, on Classen. The information regarding Classen's military service given in the CSDIC reports varies with the information given in Classen's PMS. The information given in the CSDIC report is shaded to show insignificance, whereas the information given in the PMS (to Classen's military career) is shaded to show responsibility.
2. This office received a request from CIC, dated 30 September 1952, regarding the Gesellschaft fuer Wahrkunde and its business manager Classen. CIC requested that they be advised whether or not ZIM is in any manner sponsoring the Gesellschaft and the activities of Classen. CIC also requested information regarding one [redacted]. Our CIC liaison representative was instructed by [redacted] on 15 October 1952 to inform CIC that this Mission has supported the Gesellschaft through contact with Classen, and that the name [redacted] is an alias used in the past by a German Mission staff officer. [redacted] also requested all information available to CIC regarding the stimulus for their interest and investigation of the Gesellschaft so that appropriate action could be taken in terms of our relations with this group. To the knowledge of this office no reply has as yet been received from CIC regarding our request.
3. This office wishes to point out that Classen was granted operational clearance upon information contained in QMSENC's original request for clearance indicating that Classen would not be in direct contact with staff officers, but that he would be supervised by Dannerin, chief agent with the Soldaten Zeitung. This office had not been advised that Classen was in direct contact with a staff officer. Nevertheless, on the basis of the information available (preceding receipt of the CIC request outlined in paragraph 2 above), this office would have held no objection to staff officer contact with Classen. In fact, we would have agreed that Classen's activities should be separated from Dannerin's control (although one of the objectives of this action has apparently not been accomplished as is evidenced by the statement in the case officer's assessment that Classen is aware of Soldaten Zeitung activities to the point of knowing whom our support with the Zeitung will be terminated).
4. This office will continue to consider Classen's security status "questionable" until receipt from CIC information as to why they initiated investigation on Classen and the Gesellschaft (which might indicate how CIC was able to obtain the alias and address of our staff officer). We also wish to point out that ZIM is apparently well enough represented within the Gesellschaft to have obtained as much information as CIC regarding our staff officer.